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*Attorney General John Ashcroft
Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530*

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

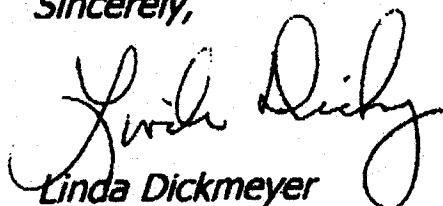
I appreciate the opportunity to voice my support for the settlement agreement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft in the antitrust case.

From all appearances, consumer choice was the big winner in this settlement. If a consumer chooses Windows as the operating system for their computer, they will no longer be limited to using Microsoft services such as Internet Explorer, Windows Media Player and Windows Messenger. They will now be allowed the choice of non-Microsoft programs to provide similar services.

I know that some of Microsoft's competitors will argue that the settlement does not go far enough in extracting concessions from Microsoft. Please remember that your responsibility is to the consumer and the American public as a whole, not a handful of jealous lobbyists. You have reached an agreement beneficial to them, and that is what counts.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,


Linda Dickmeyer